Unification of Karnataka including Mysore State.

Q.—104. **Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM** (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim):—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is not a fact that representations are being made to the Government of India for the unification of Karnataka including the State of Mysore;

(*b*) whether the Government of Mysore have been consulted in this matter by the Centre;

(*c*) whether they have investigated the advantages and disadvantages of the integration of Mysore into Karnataka?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) The question relates to a political matter which falls within the jurisdiction of the Union Government. However, so far as the question of merging of certain parts of Bombay and Madras States in Mysore for a 'Karnataka' province is concerned, reference is invited to the statement * made by His Highness the Maharaja during his recent tour in Bombay State in replying to the Addresses.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) *Vide* reply to (*a*) above.

The Hon'ble Member was permitted to put questions sitting in his seat.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Have the Government investigated the advantages or the disadvantages of the merger of Mysore in Karnataka?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—No, not in a systematic manner.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not the duty of the Government to investigate the *pros* and *cons* of such an important subject and what effect it will have on the State of Mysore?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—As I said, this subject has not come up before the Government in any official manner and we did not therefore think that the time was proper for us to set in motion any enquiry with regard to this matter.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not the duty of the Government to take note of the growing public opinion either for or against and find out what its implications are?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I have already answered that question. When the subject comes up as indicated in Article 3 of the Constitution of India, we have to take up and go into the whole question thoroughly.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—So far as we are concerned, I think the Hon'ble Chief Minister is not pleased to answer this question.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The Central Government have not made any reference to the Government of Mysore with regard to this subject.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—When there is so much of agitation for the unification of Karnataka, is it not the duty and moral obligation of this Government to see what the repercussions would be on the State of Mysore?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The Hon'ble Member is speaking about the duty and moral obligation. As an administration our simple duty as we conceive it to be is to take up the question when it is properly mooted as a Government should, no doubt. In other ways the subject has come up for discussion on the floor of the Legislature also. But there has been no necessity so far for the Government either to constitute a committee or any other agency to go into all aspects of the question. All necessary information is certainly being collected and subjected to scrutiny under a sort of general administration.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not possible that one day the Government of India by invoking Article 371 may order Mysore to be merged in Karnataka?

* This is a matter which falls under Article 3 of the Constitution and has to be settled by the Government of India and the Legislatures concerned.

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—It is not a relevant question, I submit.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Is it not necessary that Mysore is forewarned and forearmed for such eventualities?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—There is no war threatening to be forewarned and forearmed in any stage. When the subject comes up, we can discuss it.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—When does the Hon'ble Minister think the subject will come up for discussion?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—I am not an astrologer to answer that question.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY (Chitaldrug District—General).—Is the unification of Karnataka a matter on which the Government of Mysore are free to have their own opinion?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—The article says that appropriate Legislature has to give its own opinion.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Not even this Government or any other Government can have any say with regard to this matter?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Public opinion is sought to be elicited by consulting the appropriate Legislature and at the proper time; it is obvious.

Amount spent on Entertainment of Guests.

Q.—100. **Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM** (Chitaldrug *cum* Tumkur—Muslim).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of guests entertained by the Government since 1st June 1951;

(*b*) the names of these guests and the object with which they visited the State;

(*c*) the amount spent on the entertainment of guests during this period?

A.—**The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY** (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Three hundred and ninety-nine for June, July, August and September 1951.

(*b*) Statement laid on the table of the House.*

(*c*) Rs. 30,209-15-6.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Have the Government laid down any rule or principle governing as to who are the persons to be invited as guests and what must be their status and on what occasion?

***The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.**—All Ministers and persons of that status that come to Mysore on Government business are treated as State Guests and distinguished people from abroad or belonging to this country, either scientists or people like that also are treated as State Guests. More or less the same principles are being followed during the last 10 or 15 years and even more, and during the time when the Hon'ble Member was a Member of Government the same principles were being followed, more or less.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Are the Government aware that the previous Government to which the Hon'ble Chief Minister referred, never invited the number of guests that we now find in this list?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—Everything is done with the maximum amount of discrimination. There is no indiscrimination or indiscreetness as is sought to be suggested by the Hon'ble Member.

Janab J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Do the rules provide for inviting as State Guests nurses, personal servants and office staff; for example four personal servants and 26 other servants..... It is given in the list on page 4. Are they State Guests?

The Hon'ble Sri K. CHENGALARAYA REDDY.—When distinguished people come, it has been the practice to treat the staff also as Government Guests.

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